

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all claims under consideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19 and 20 are pending in the application, all of which are currently amended. Claims 2, 4, 6 – 8, 11, 13, 15 – 18, and 21 – 33 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No impermissible new matter has been added.

Applicant expresses appreciation to Examiner Sang Nguyen for the courtesy of participating in the telephonic interview conducted on September 13, 2004 with Applicant's representative Michael Faibisch (Reg. No. 48,427). The Examiner's statement of the substance of the interview is set forth in the Interview Summary Record, Paper No. 20040913. Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview is submitted herewith.

In the interview, claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 11 and 13 were discussed vis-à-vis the prior art of record. In the interview, the Examiner pointed out that the amendment of claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2 & 4, and the amendment of claim 10 to include the limitations of claims 11 & 13 would distinguish over the prior art of record. As stated in the Examiner's Interview summary, in relevant part, the Applicant's representative:

"agreed to cancel claims 2, 4, 11 and 13. Also, the combination of all of limitations of claims 2 and 4 into the independent claim 1, and all limitations of claims 11 and 13 into the independent claim 10."

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 4. Claims 3, 5 and 9 stand amended to include additional self-explanatory amendments for consistency. Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 11 and 13. Claims 12, 14, 19 and 20 stand amended to include additional self-explanatory amendments for consistency.

For all of the foregoing reasons, and for reasons set forth in Applicant's reply submitted on August 2, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 10 are deemed patentable over the prior art of record and requests the Examiner to withdraw all rejections of claim 1 and its dependent claims 3, 5 and 9 and to withdraw all rejections of claim 10 and its dependent claims 12, 14, 19 and 20.

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Applicant does not acquiesce to any presumption that the subject matter of the independent claims, prior to the amendments shown herein, were not patentable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

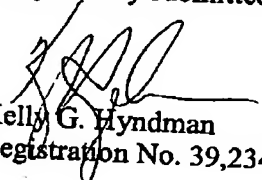
Conclusion and request for telephone interview.

In view of the foregoing, this application is believed to be in order. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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